

Remarks

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 3, 4, 9 – 19 and 21 – 24.

The Applicants have cancelled Claim 1 and added new Claims 25, 26 and 27. New Claim 25 is the same as Claim 5 except that it depends on Claim 4. New Claim 26 is the same as Claim 6 except that it depends on Claim 4. New Claim 27 is the same as Claim 7 except that it depends on Claim 4.

Claim 5 has been amended to change the dependency from cancelled Claim 1 to allowed Claim 3. Claim 6 has also been amended to change the dependency so that it is solely based on Claim 3. Finally, Claim 7 has been amended to change the dependency from cancelled Claim 1 to allowed Claim 3.

The Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the cancellation of Claim 1 and the change in dependencies of Claims 5 – 7 to allowed Claim 3, that the rejection of Claims 1 and 5 – 7 under 35 USC §103 over Ogata is now moot and that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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